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VERMONT.

Convention of Congregationalists of this State, met at 2 o'clock P. M. at the residence of the Rev. O. S. Smith, and was opened by the singing of the hymn, "The Church is the Body of Christ." The subject of the meeting was the state of the church in this State. A committee was appointed to prepare a report on the subject of the church in this State. The committee reported that the church in this State was in a state of decline, and that the number of members was decreasing. The committee recommended that the church should be reorganized, and that the members should be encouraged to attend church more regularly. The convention adjourned at 4 o'clock P. M.

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Whole number connected with these churches, is 1433. There has been no extensive revival within the limits of this body, the past year, but some cases of conversion have been reported. The churches are all small, and a large part of the population are absentees from public worship. Strong prejudices exist against orthodox preaching. One reason for this was supposed to be owing to the unsettled state of the ministry. A minister in many cases does not stay in a place long enough to make and answer the objections that may be raised against the doctrines he preaches. The Sabbath is extensively profaned in consequence of the state of things, and the community is ripe for the introduction of Universalism and Infidelity, or what is in some respects worse, an amalgam of these churches had enjoyed the stated permanent ministry, and the influence of the Sabbath school, it was believed these evils would have been prevented. Another cause for this state of things, as the reader of the report supposed, was the measures introduced for the promotion of revivals, a few years since, by Burdett. But, it was said, there are some things which are beginning to appear more encouraging, and attention is paid to Sabbath schools. North Western Association. Connected with this body are 33 churches, 13 of which have pastors, 9 are supplied, 11 are supplied a portion of the time, and a few are destitute. The number of communicants is 2498. Several churches have enjoyed seasons of refreshing. *Hingham Association.* Connected with this body are 12 churches, 12 of which have pastors, 12 are supplied, 12 are supplied a portion of the time, and a few are destitute. The number of communicants is 2498. Several churches have enjoyed seasons of refreshing.

These are timely and excellent suggestions, deserving the earnest and devoted attention of all who believe the preaching of the Gospel to be the ordained means of the conversion of sinners, the edification of saints, and the advancement of the cause of Christ. The interests of religion are suffering deeply at present, in every department, through the loss of the spirit of prayer. There is not a single benevolent association that does not suffer from this cause; and no one probably, more than our Education Society. When the spirit of prayer prevails, there will be no deficiency of men or funds for the carrying forward of every benevolent enterprise; when it ceases, no amount of effort will prevent alarming deficiencies of both. May it not be hoped that Christians everywhere will take up the recommendation of the Presbytery, and pray more earnestly and constantly for the increase of devoted ministers, and for the abundant blessing of heaven on all the scriptural measures in operation for Zion's enlargement?

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK.—By a communication of the Rev. E. Marsh, Ellington, to the Connecticut Observer, we are informed that the ecclesiastical body met at Clinton, N. Y. Aug. 26, Rev. S. Griswold, Moderator, Rev. W. Gridley, Scribe. An encouraging report on the state of religion was presented. Two new associations are about to be formed. The Congregational interest is on the advance throughout the State. Sixty Congregational churches in New-York are assisted by the funds of the American Home Missionary Society. No desire exists for a new Congregational Home Missionary organization. On a complaint of the General Association of Massachusetts, of neglect in the New-York City Association, properly to consider charges brought against one of their members by ministers in the vicinity of Haverhill, Mass., it was voted that the latter, (the New-York City Association) having acted hastily, irregularly, and without proper deference to the brethren in Mass., they should be advised to review their proceedings and do justice to all. On the subject of Oberlin Perfectionism, no member was found to avow those sentiments, and only two attempted to apologize for them. Resolutions were passed almost unanimously, condemning them, as contradicting Scripture and Christian experience, and as dangerous to the souls of men.

TEMPERANCE.—A Merchant's Temperance Society has been formed in New-York, on the conviction, that commercial prosperity is essentially dependent on well placed confidence in men, and that the habitual use of intoxicating liquors tends more than any thing else to impair that confidence;—that the great interests of society are constantly jeopardized by its drinking usages; and that the example and influence of merchants ought to be united for the protection of those interests. The meeting at which the Society was formed, was numerously attended by the merchants of the city at Clinton Hall, Sept. 1, and was addressed with the happiest effect by the Rev. Dr. Patton, Mr. Briggs of Ohio, Rev. Mr. Marsh and Mr. L. Tappan. A constitution was adopted unanimously, and a large number of signatures were at once handed in.

ANOTHER DISCOVERY OF THE TEN TRIBES.—The Rev. Jacob Samuel, Senior Missionary to the Jews for India, Persia and Arabia, has endeavored to show in a recently published work, that the Jews of Dughistan are the remnant of the ten tribes. This is a wild, mountainous country, southwest of the Caspian Sea, bordering on ancient Media, and now nominally subject to Russia. Mr. S. being himself a converted Jew, and well acquainted with the rites and customs of his nation, and having a knowledge of the New Testament, combined with a deep religious sentiment and zeal, and having had abundant opportunities of acquaintance with the Jews of the East, is deemed specially qualified to form a correct judgment in the case. But from the abstract of his facts and reasonings we have met with, it seems to us that his conclusion rests on a very feeble foundation.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD.—In view of the enlarging field of ministerial labor—the recent removal of a number of valuable ministers by death—the laying aside of others from active labors by disease—and the decreasing number of young men offering themselves as candidates for the ministry—the Board of Education, recommends to Christians to remember this subject frequently in their prayers, and to hold a private concert of prayer for the object, in the secret devotions of every Sabbath morning, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into his harvest. They also recommend to PASTORS, frequently to remember this subject in the public prayers of the sanctuary—to present it in their preaching—and to use suitable means with young men of piety and talents in their congregations, to lead them into the ministry of reconciliation.

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ECCLESIASTICAL.

ORDINATION.—On Wednesday, Sept. 15, Rev. SAMUEL C. DAMON, was ordained at Holden, to the work of the gospel ministry, with a view to his becoming Seaman's Chaplain at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Rodney A. Miller, of Worcester; Sermon, by Rev. Wm. M. Rogers, of Boston; Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. Josiah Clark, of Rutland; Charge, by Rev. Horatio Burdett, of Oxford; Right Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. Daniel M. Lord, of the Mariner's Church, Boston; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Samuel Hunt, of Natick.

The sermon was founded on the words in the 60th chap. of Isaiah, 5th verse. "The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee." It exhibited in a happy and forcible manner what commerce had done to open the way for the gospel; what it had done to blight and ruin pagan nations; what it might do from the character of seamen in aid of the great work of spreading the gospel to which experience furnished already cheering testimony. The discourse was calculated to give correct views of the great importance of the efforts making in behalf of Sailors, and being delivered in a community where the habits and the dangers of seamen are less common-place topics than in our cities, it was listened to with deep interest, and it is to be hoped will stimulate many minds to enlist with prayer and self-denial in this cause. The whole services were unusually good, and the circumstances rendered large portions of the evening deeply affecting. Mr. Damon leaves an affectionate community, whose prayers we trust will follow him, and the work in which he is engaged. The services of his ordination it is believed cannot but be a blessing to the churches and the prospects of the desire and the determination to remember our set apart so solemnly to a ministry so important, and yet demanding on his part such self-denial. It may perhaps not be improper to suggest that the frequent occurrence of such scenes in our towns and villages would tend to increase the attachment of Christians to particular departments of the missionary enterprise. In the cities, they are common, and although always interesting—yet they lose the power of giving fresh impulses to religious and benevolent feelings, which they are capable of doing in less favored regions. It quickens our affection to have seen the missionary himself—to have witnessed his consecration, to have joined in invoking blessing upon him, and to have sympathized with him, when the yearnings of filial and fraternal love, could not be repressed. A missionary who has taken a place in the heart at these seasons of melting tenderness and holy joy, will often be in the heart when God's servants are the objects of solicitude. We shall follow him in his varied life of suffering and success, more anxious for his good, more deeply touched by his necessities. The seaman's Friend Society has without doubt more warm and intelligent friends in that community than it had before, and henceforth will be easier to plead the cause there.

Ordained, in Haverhill, as an Evangelist, on Monday evening, the 18th inst. Mr. GILBERT JOHNSON, Reading of the Scriptures, and Introductory Prayer, by Rev. D. Olin, North Haverhill and Plaistow; Sermon, from Isa. 52: 7, by Rev. L. F. Dimmick, Newburyport; Consecrating Prayer, by Rev. G. H. Perry, East Bradford; Charge, by Rev. J. R. Cuddeback, West Bradford; Right Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. E. Lawrence, Haverhill Center; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. N. Munroe, West Bradford; Benediction, by Mr. Johnson.

All the exercises were of an unusually interesting and impressive character, and left a good impression on the minds of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, is soon to be a missionary to Lucas Co. Ohio.

Ordained, in South Market, N. H. on the 16th inst. Mr. LEONARD T. CROFT, a native of Mass. Late of the Theological Seminary, Andover. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Richmond, of Lamprey River; Sermon, by Rev. Mr. Sanford, of Medway, Mass.; from Heb. 13: 17. Consecrating Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Holt, of Portsmouth; N. H. Charge to the Pastor, read by Rev. Mr. T. C. French, of North Hampton; Right Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. Mr. Butler, of Dorchester, Mass.; and Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Newman, of Stratford.

The scenes of the occasion were rendered peculiarly interesting, from the fact that, the people were again to enjoy the labors of a faithful Pastor. After having been deprived of a regularly established and long-continued ministry, and after having been organized by our Pilgrim Fathers, had become almost extinct, and its records lost. A few faithful friends to the truth, with a zeal which becomes all who love the institutions of religion, had been endeavoring to secure a permanent ministry. For this purpose they went forward and erected a small but commodious house of worship, and now are permitted to enjoy the services of a Pastor of their unanimous choice, and one who it is hoped, will have long to break to them the bread of life, and gather many souls into the kingdom of our Redeemer.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

FOREIGN.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.—Since our last, the Great Western has arrived at New York, and the California at this port, the latter bringing the latest news. The dates are, London to the 24, and Liverpool to the 4th September. The California made the passage in 13 days and a half. We give an abstract of the news.

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